AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A pellicle for protecting a reticle, on which a circuit pattern is formed for manufacturing a semiconductor device, from an attachment of a foreign matter, comprising:

a pellicle film ~~having a predetermined thickness, through which a light transmits to said reticle~~; ~~and~~

a pellicle frame comprising~~, on which a periphery of said pellicle film contacts, including~~:

a body part having a frame shape, the height of which is substantially constant ~~all over said body part~~; and

an upper protruding part ~~formed~~ on an upper end of said body part that protrudes upward from said upper end of said body part and ~~for~~ directly contacting ~~with~~ a surface of said pellicle film, the height of said upper protruding part being constant ~~all over said upper protruding part~~; and

an adhesive between the body part and the pellicle film.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an inner edge of said upper end of said body part.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an outer edge of said upper end of said body part.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper

protruding part comprises upper protruding parts ~~are formed~~ on ~~the both of~~ an inner edge and an outer edge of said upper end of said body part so that a recessed part is formed between said upper protruding parts.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said pellicle frame further comprises ~~comprising~~ a lower protruding part ~~formed~~ on a lower end of said body part that protrudes downward from said lower end of said body part and ~~for~~ directly contacting ~~with~~ a surface of said reticle, the height of said lower protruding part being constant ~~all over said lower protruding part~~.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein said lower protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an inner edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein said lower protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an outer edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein said lower protruding part comprises lower protruding parts ~~are formed~~ on ~~both~~ an inner edge and an outer edge of said lower end of said body part so that a recessed part is formed between said lower protruding parts.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said pellicle film and said pellicle frame is adhered such that said upper protruding part directly

contacts a surface of said pellicle film, and an upper end of said body part contacts said surface of said pellicle film through an adhesive.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 5, further comprising another adhesive between the ~~wherein said pellicle frame and said reticle are adhered such that that said lower protruding part directly contacts a surface of said reticle, and a~~ lower end of said body part and ~~contacts~~ said surface of said reticle ~~through an adhesive~~.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein a top end of said upper protruding part comprises ~~having~~ a sharp edge ~~so that said upper protruding part contacting said pellicle film at one point along a cross sectional direction perpendicular to longitudinal direction of said upper protruding part~~.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein a bottom end of said lower protruding part contacts said reticle at one point along a cross sectional direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of said lower protruding part.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper protruding part is ~~formed~~ all around an upper end of said body part.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A photomask comprising:

a reticle, on which a circuit pattern is formed for manufacturing a semiconductor device; and

a pellicle for protecting said reticle from an attachment of a foreign matter; and

an adhesive between the body part and the pellicle film,

wherein: said pellicle comprises ~~has~~:

a pellicle film ~~having a predetermined thickness, through which a light transmits to said reticle~~; and

a pellicle frame comprising~~, on which a periphery of said pellicle frame contacts, including:~~

a body part having a frame shape, the height of which is ~~are~~ substantially constant ~~all over said body part~~; and

an upper protruding part ~~formed~~ on an upper end of said body part that protrudes upward from said upper end of said body part and ~~for~~ directly contacting ~~with~~ a surface of said pellicle film, the height of said upper protruding part being constant ~~all over said upper protruding part~~.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ photomask as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a lower protruding part ~~formed~~ on a lower end of said body part that protrudes downward from said lower end of said body part and ~~for~~ directly contacting ~~with~~ a surface of said reticle, the height of said lower protruding part being constant all over said lower protruding part.

Claim 16. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ photomask as claimed in claim 15, wherein said upper protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an inner edge of said upper end of said body part, and said

lower protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an inner edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ photomask as claimed in claim 15, wherein said upper protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an outer edge of said upper end of said body part, and said lower protruding part is ~~formed~~ on an outer edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 18. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ photomask as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

said upper protruding part comprises upper protruding parts ~~is formed~~ on ~~both~~ an inner edge and an outer edge of said upper end of said body part so that an upper recessed part is formed between said upper protruding parts; and

said lower protruding part comprises lower protruding parts ~~is formed~~ on both an inner edge and an outer edge of said lower end of said body part so that a lower recessed part is formed between said lower protruding parts.

Claim 19. (Currently amended) A pellicle frame ~~arranged~~ between a reticle~~, on which a circuit pattern is formed for manufacturing a semiconductor device,~~ and a pellicle film~~through which a light transmits to said reticle~~, comprising:

a first portion directly contacting said pellicle film;

an adhesive film contacting said pellicle film; and

a second portion contacting said first portion and said ~~pellicle film through an~~ adhesive film ~~through an adhesive that adheres the pellicle frame to said pellicle film~~.

Claim 20. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle frame as claimed in claim 19 ~~18~~, further

comprising another adhesive film contacting said second portion and said reticle, wherein said first portion directly contacts said reticle~~, and said second portion contacting said reticle through an adhesive that adheres said pellicle to said reticle~~.

Claim 21. (Currently amended) The ~~A~~ pellicle frame as claimed in claim 19 ~~18~~, wherein a difference of height between said first portion and said second portion serves as an adhesive accommodation part for accommodating said adhesive film.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended - Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a pellicle comprising:

forming a body part having a frame shape such that the height ~~which~~ is substantially constant ~~all over said body part~~;

forming an upper protruding part on an upper end of said body part that protrudes upward from said upper end of said body part, the height of said upper protruding part being constant ~~all over said upper protruding part~~;

forming a lower protruding part on a lower end of said body part that protrudes downward from said lower end of said body part, the height of said lower protruding part being constant ~~all over said lower protruding part~~; and

adhering a pellicle film ~~having a predetermined thickness, through which a light transmits,~~ to said body part ~~pellicle frame~~ such that said ~~an~~ upper end of said upper protruding part directly contacts ~~a surface of~~ said pellicle film.

Claim 23. (New) The pellicle of claim 1, wherein said pellicle film contacts a part of said

upper protruding part and said adhesive, when said pellicle film is mounted on said pellicle frame.

Claim 24. (New) The photomask of claim 14, wherein said pellicle film contacts a part of said upper protruding part and said adhesive, when said pellicle film is mounted on said pellicle frame.

Claim 25. (New) The pellicle frame of claim 19, wherein said first portion of said pellicle frame comprises an upper protruding part that contacts said pellicle film, when said pellicle film is mounted on said pellicle frame.